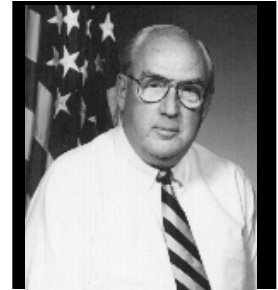


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Mr LeRoy T. Baseman



Mr LeRoy T. Baseman, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Cost and Economics), will complete a most distinguished military and civil service career on 3 July 1998 with 44 years of service.

Mr Baseman was born in Jacksonville, Florida. From 1949 to 1951 he attended the University of Florida and in 1953 he graduated from the University of Miami with a bachelor of business administration degree. He received a master of business administration degree in industrial management, with honors, from the University of Southern California Graduate School of Commerce in 1962 and a master of science degree in international affairs from George Washington University in 1972. Mr Baseman completed the National War College in 1972, and is a graduate of the flag officers courses of the Navy Management Systems Center and the Defense Systems Management School.

He was a distinguished graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps program and entered the Air Force in August 1953 as a 2Lt. He attended undergraduate pilot school and completed his active duty tour as an air intelligence officer with the Air Force Security Service in August 1955. From 1955 to 1960, Mr Baseman held progressively higher positions as an operations analyst with HQ 17th Air Force and as a management analyst with Air Materiel Forces, Europe, in North Africa and Europe.

After returning from Europe in 1960, he served as senior Titan ICBM management analyst, Air Force Ballistic Missile Division, Los Angeles. From 1962 to 1964, he was assigned to HQ Air Force Systems Command, Andrews AFB, Maryland, as Deputy Director for Management Policy and Organization, Office of the Chief of Staff, and Chief, Management Analysis Division, Office of the Comptroller.

In the fall of 1965, Mr Baseman transferred to HQ United States Air Force, Washington, D.C. He served as Deputy Chief, and later, Chief, Management Group, Directorate of Development and Acquisition, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff Research, Development, and Acquisition, with extensive responsibility in research and development and weapon systems acquisition management. He moved to the Comptroller of the Air Force in 1973 as Deputy Director, Management Analysis. He was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary (Cost and Economics) in 1989. In April 1986, the Air Force Cost Center was established as a direct reporting unit under Air Force headquarters. As an additional duty, Mr Baseman served as Technical Director until August 1990.

He is an adjunct professor in management, organization, and human relations at Northern Virginia Community College, and a lecturer at the Professional Military Comptroller School, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and Air Command and Staff College.

When asked to say a word or two to his many friends and coworkers in the worldwide Air Force Financial Management community, he offered the following: It is difficult to believe the time has passed so quickly. I must have been having fun. Counting my association with the Air Force from the ROTC program, I have been an Air Force "something" for all but three years of its existence as a separate service. I have watched in wonder and awe as the Air Force has ridden the wave of technology to where it is today. Everything material has changed dramatically. What hasn't changed are the talented and dedicated people who are the heart of this great institution. I believe there is no higher calling than public service and the best have answered that call to serve both in and out of uniform. God bless all of you and thanks for having me along for the ride.